

Society News Club Activities

Miss Ludington's Address At Suffrage Convention

Urges Women to Join Parties If They Have Clear
Party Convictions—Explains Relation of Work
of Association in Obtaining Vote.

Before a closed session of the convention of the Connecticut Woman's Suffrage association this afternoon, Katherine Ludington gave the president's annual message. Her address was followed by a discussion of the political policy to be pursued by the association.

In part Miss Ludington said as follows:

"I have no carefully built up and logically arranged message to bring you this year. I want, instead, to suggest a few considerations which I believe should govern us in planning and carrying out our work for the coming year."

"First, as to the general temper in which all the problems which this country is facing should be tackled. I believe that at the present time we are suffering even more deeply from a wrong frame of mind than we are from the actual condition of the body social—no matter how sick it may seem to be."

"I don't deny that there are questions of tremendous seriousness to be settled, but if they could be approached by a large enough number of Americans in a mood of moderation, open mindedness, patience, and mutual respect and charity, there is nothing that is insoluble."

"Our greatest danger at the present time is from the extremists of both colors—radical and reactionary. If we could hold together all the moderate conservatives, the moderate radicals, the liberals, and all the shades and grades of opinion between, who should say, 'We will respect each other and will seek to solve our problems by the methods of sanity, open discussion and scientific study—instead of the methods of violence and force.' We should have a great central group which would crowd the extremists out to the edge where they could do little harm."

"Instead of this, there is the danger that we may let ourselves get into such a worried, tense, harassed frame of mind that our judgment is clouded. We are liable to let panic take the place of courage and clear-headedness—and panic is always cruel and ugly."

"We must keep our sense of proportion in regard to the questions of the day and the relation of our own particular question to all of them."

"It was hard to keep this relation clear during the war and many just settled it off hand by saying that we should drop suffrage and do nothing, but that was roughly known as war work."

"Other women and men with long vision saw that suffrage and the war issues were so closely knit that they couldn't be distanced—and so they kept both kinds of work going together."

"Should we remain entirely 'independent' and join no party organization until we have the vote? Or should we join now?"

"My answer would be that if any woman is clear in her mind as to her party convictions, let her join a party—but let her use her position in that party organization to steadily, persistently demand that it do its utmost toward getting women to vote."

"You may be able to do more for suffrage within a party organization than outside it. Keep your sense of proportion and remember that not only plain self-respect but your desire to help your party demands that you should get a vote as soon as possible."

"Now what is the relation of all the rest of our work to this simple question of getting the vote?"

"We are preparing to complete the building of a state organization which may in the future be a non-partisan civic organization—a League of Women Voters."

"Obviously, this is important from the point of view of getting the vote. It is the main tool we have to work with—the bigger and better our organization the greater our power. Both to get the vote and to use it, our organization should be developed to the highest degree."

"We are developing a department of citizenship to train women to use the vote intelligently and to start them on local civic work. What should be the relation of this work to the other work of getting the vote? It should be the relation of the cart to the horse—they go along together but the horse comes first!"

"Don't get into the frame of mind that you say to yourself—'Oh, the vote is going to come some day—and it is pretty hard work getting it in Connecticut, so I believe I will just specialize on learning how to use it.' In other words, so far as your work is concerned, you don't care if you ever have a vote to use! It is like studying trained nursing but never taking a step toward getting a patient."

"Some women would like to sit comfortably the rest of their days studying how to be citizens—but to get into all the mess and bother of winning the vote—or really using it to some effect afterwards—that is too much like real work."

"We are going heart and soul into our citizenship training work—but we are doing it because it helps us, in the first place toward getting the vote—and in the second place, toward making a real and effective use of it. We hope by our citizenship department to turn out women of purpose and practical information—not paper imitations of citizens."

"Our thoughts tomorrow will be turned toward the hand of brave women, women built in a large mold, who fifty years ago inaugurated this work."

"Doesn't it seem a strange thing that now after fifty years of courage and effort, when we are on the very eve of success, when there is just one fight more, 'The best and the last,' there should be some women who are ready to quit?"

"But, of course, we shall not quit—and tomorrow, when the spirit of those women is especially with us, we shall pledge ourselves to carry on until the fifty year struggle is ended—and then we shall start on a new stretch of the journey: with few illusions, perhaps, but with a good and noble purpose."

supper, the parish campaign with speakers from headquarters will take place.

Miss Elizabeth Seeley of Brooklawn avenue will entertain her cousin, Miss Edith Marshall of New York for the week end.

The State Federation of Musical Clubs will hold their bi-annual meeting on November 19 in New Haven. The Wednesday Afternoon Musical club will send Mrs. A. Engelhart, Mrs. Frederick Card and Mrs. H. C. Ives as delegates.

Members of the Brooklawn Coun-

try club will give a dinner dance on Saturday evening, following the Yale-Princeton game in New Haven, when guests from out of town and friends in the city who are not members of the club will be entertained. Malone's orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

Members of the Women of the World War will attend in a body the YD bazaar at the armory tonight. Mrs. Benjamin Field, of the executive officers of the organization, has asked all members to meet at the home of Mrs. Gregory, 36 Franklin street, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Minnie Schwerdtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Schwerdtle, and Walter V. Stapleton were united in marriage at St. Augustine's church yesterday afternoon by Rev. Joseph A. Ganley. Miss Helen Schwerdtle attended her sister as maid of honor and Henry McElroy was the best man. Following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Virginia and Washington, D. C. After Dec. 15 they will be at home, 54 Elmwood avenue.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Marie Flier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Flier of Sharon, Pa., and John D.

Lannon of this city, which was celebrated on Tuesday in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Sharon. Mr. Lannon was formerly superintendent of the Browning gun production at the Remington Arms.

TRAIN SERVICE WILL CHANGE FOR FOOTBALL GAME

On account of the Yale-Princeton football game, the train leaving New Haven at 4:35 p. m. will leave next Saturday at 3:45 p. m. and be operated about 50 minutes earlier at all stations to Stamford, running on its regular schedule between Stamford and New York.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD WAR.
Women of the World War are invited to assemble in uniform, without caps, at the residence of Mrs. Anna Gregory, 36 Franklin street, at 8 o'clock tonight, from thence to proceed to the Armory, where they will be the guests of the Y D Boys. The call is by the president, Mrs. F. B. Gray.

The train leaving New Haven at 5:37 p. m. for New York and intermediate stations, will leave on that date at 6:22 p. m. being operated about 45 minutes later than its regular schedule at all stations.

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phone Barnum 1287 or mail news to editor.

The heliolum tea and exhibition of the Bridgeport Art League on Monday at 3 o'clock will be an unusually interesting event. Following the delightful exhibition, tea will be served by the members who will be attired in costumes. Among the many rare articles on exhibition will be a dish, 125 years old, the property of Mrs. Caroline E. Doremus. Mrs. Doremus is in charge of the exhibition and invites all members to bring pieces of work of olden times to the league rooms Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. L. F. Brandes has arranged a musicale for the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clarke of Broad street, are spending the remainder of the week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Marsh of Brooklyn, N. Y.

On Monday evening a surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foulds of Connecticut avenue for Mrs. Saynor of Salt Lake, Eng., who is on a visit to this country to see her brother, John Foulds, whom she has not seen for 30 years. A very pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served. Songs were rendered by Miss Longbottom, Mrs. Saynor, Mrs. C. Wilkinson, Mrs. F. G. Glasington, F. Tiffany and F. Stubbs. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Foulds, Mr. and Mrs. A. Longbottom, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox, Mr. and Mrs.

MEDICINES USED BY MONKS.

It is claimed that Monks of ancient days knew of more than three hundred species of medicinal plants used in general for medicines by these religious orders. While centuries have passed, with all the advance made in medical science, many of our most successful remedies are today made from the roots and herbs of the field, like that good, old-fashioned remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for more than forty years has been relieving women from some of the worst forms of female ailments, and is now considered the standard remedy.—Adv.

Flaxington, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. F. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. F. Tiffany.

Judge and Mrs. William H. Comley Jr., and daughter, Miss Marion, and Miss Betty Rhodes, will be among the many people from this city who will attend the Yale-Princeton games on Saturday in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bray of Vine street, will leave tomorrow on a motor trip to Exeter, N. H.

Park City Council, K. of C., will hold a Thanksgiving ball on Thanksgiving eve at Miss Benita C. Slocum's hall in the Court Exchange.

The many friends of Miss Geneva Brown of 848 Colorado avenue will be sorry to learn that she is ill at her home.

Park City Council, K. of C., held a delightful house dance at the home on Washington avenue last night. There was a large number present and dancing prevailed until a late hour.

Friends of Miss Merriam Oviatt of 1021 Norman street will be pleased to hear that she has recovered from illness and has resumed her studies at the Bridgeport High school.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bolland of Stratford avenue have returned to their home after spending several weeks as the guests of friends in New York city.

Members of the Opportunity club of the Universalist church will give a reception in the parish house tonight, when the new pastor, Rev. Hal Kearns will be welcomed. All young people of the church have been extended an invitation to be present. Dancing will follow the reception.

The young women of St. Paul's church, Huntington center, are making arrangements for a get-together supper in the parish house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Following the